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In re Application of :
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This is a decision on the Petition for Suspension of Rules (37 CFR 1.183), filed May 14, 2009, requesting a change in the name of the assignee after payment of the issue fee. The petition is properly treated under 37 CFR 3.81(b).

The Petition is **granted**.

The petition was accompanied by a certificate of correction as required by 3.81(b), and the fee submitted with the present petition. Further, Office assignment records reflect Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation, and Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd., as the assignees of record. As the request complies with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.81(b), it would be appropriate for a certificate of correction to be processed after issuance of this application into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232. Any questions concerning the issuance of the Certificate of Correction should be directed to the Certificate of Correction Branch at (571) 272-4200.

This matter is being referred to the Certificates of Correction Branch for processing of a certificate of correction after issuance of this application into a patent.

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